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MS Health Alert Network (HAN) Advisory

MESSAGE ID: **MSHAN-20150622-00381-ADV (Health Advisory)**
RECIPIENTS: **All Physicians, Hospitals, ERs, and Healthcare providers - Statewide**
DATE: **June 22, 2015**

SUBJECT: *Evaluation of Ill Travelers from Liberia to the United States*

Dear Colleagues:

For over two months there have been no reported cases of Ebola in Liberia. On May 9, 2015, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the end of the Ebola outbreak in Liberia. Currently, the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) does not consider returning travelers from Liberia at risk of Ebola. CDC will continue to assess incoming travelers from Liberia at one of the five designated entry airports. All travelers returning from Liberia will be given a fact sheet on febrile illnesses that includes contact information for MSDH and CDC, and a healthcare notification card in the event that the traveler needs medical attention within 21 days of travel. MSDH will be notified by CDC of travelers from Liberia with a final destination in Mississippi. MSDH will verify that no travel has occurred to countries with ongoing Ebola transmission (Guinea and Sierra Leone).

If a clinician encounters a traveler from Liberia with a febrile illness consistent with Ebola, please place the patient in a private room and notify the MSDH Office of Epidemiology at 601 576-7725 (after hours 601 576-7400). MSDH recommends that returning travelers from Liberia with febrile syndromes be evaluated for other illnesses, including those routinely diagnosed in Mississippi, based on travel history, potential exposures and clinical presentation. If needed, MSDH is can assist in verifying the diagnosis of febrile syndromes resulting from foreign travel.

Please visit http://emergency.cdc.gov/han/han00381.asp for full details of CDC's June 19, 2015 Health Alert Network advisory.

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Alerting Message Specification Settings

Originating Agency:	Mississippi State Department of Health
Alerting Program:	MS Health Alert Network (MS HAN)
Message Identifier:	MSHAN-20150622-00381-ADV
Program (HAN) Type:	Health Advisory
Status (Type):	Actual ()
Message Type:	Alert
Reference:	MSHAN-00381
Severity:	Unknown
Acknowledgement:	No
Sensitive:	Not Sensitive
Message Expiration:	Undetermined
Urgency:	Undetermined
Delivery Time:	600 minutes

Definition of Alerting Vocabulary and Message Specification Settings

Originating Agency: A unique identifier for the agency originating the alert.

Alerting Program: The program sending the alert or engaging in alerts and communications using PHIN Communication and Alerting (PCA) as a vehicle for their delivery.

Message Identifier: A unique alert identifier that is generated upon alert activation (MSHAN-yyymmdd-hhmm-TTT (**ALT=Health Alert, ADV=Health Advisory**, **UPD=Health Update, MSG/INFO=Message/Info Service**).

Program (HAN) Type: Categories of Health Alert Messages.

Health Alert: Conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention.

Health Advisory: Provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action.

Health Update: Provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action.

Health Info Service: Provides Message / Notification of general public health information; unlikely to require immediate action.

Status (Type):

Actual:	Communication or alert refers to a live event
Exercise:	Designated recipients must respond to the communication or alert
Test:	Communication or alert is related to a technical, system test and should be disregarded

Message Type:

Alert:	Indicates an original Alert
Update:	Indicates prior alert has been Updated and/or superseded
Cancel:	Indicates prior alert has been cancelled
Error:	Indicates prior alert has been retracted

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Reference: For a communication or alert with a Message Type of "Update" or "Cancel", this attribute contains the unique Message Identifier of the original communication or alert being updated or cancelled. "n/a" = Not Applicable.

Severity:

Extreme:	Extraordinary threat to life or property
Severe:	Significant threat to life or property
Moderate:	Possible threat to life or property
Minor:	Minimal threat to life or property
Unknown:	Unknown threat to life or property

Acknowledgement: Indicates whether an acknowledgement on the part of the recipient is required to confirm that the alert was received, and the timeframe in which a response is required (Yes or No).

Sensitive:

Sensitive:	Indicates the alert contains sensitive content
Not Sensitive:	Indicates non-sensitive content

Message Expiration: Undetermined.

Urgency: Undetermined. Responsive action should be taken immediately.

Delivery Time: Indicates the timeframe for delivery of the alert (15, 60, 1440, 4320 minutes (.25, 1, 24, 72 hours)).

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